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Detector Dog Who Stopped Over 13 Million Dollars' Worth of Drugs to Retire

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency is retiring a Drug Detector Dog who assisted the Agency in stopping over 13.4 million dollars' worth of Schedule II Controlled Substances from entering our borders and harming our island community.

After two years of service with the Agency, Detector Dog (DD) Tony will be retired due to medical impediments.

Officers of the Drug Detector Dog Unit (DDDU) brought DD Tony to a local veterinary clinic to be seen for a chronic cough when it was discovered that his left laryngeal cartilages had decreased mobility. X-ray scans also confirmed that DD Tony suffers from Tracheal Collapse which is not a surgically correctable problem. The combination of these two diagnoses caused the veterinarian to recommend the Agency retire DD Tony.

A retirement ceremony will be held for DD Tony at the CQA headquarters located at 770 East Sunset Boulevard Ste. 250, Tiyan, Guam 96913 on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Media is welcome.

Acting Director George Charfauros, Jr. states, "We want to give back to DD Tony by honoring his contributions to our community with this retirement ceremony so that he may live out the rest of his days amongst a loving family and in comfort."

DD Tony's contributions to Guam include:

- Assisting the Drug Detector Dog Unit in seizing approximately 20,840 grams of illegal narcotics with an estimated total value of \$12,477,400.00;
- Positively alerting to 1,568 grams of methamphetamine, equating to a total estimated value of \$940,800.00, in 2017; and
- Stopping over 300 grams of marijuana from entering our borders.

For more information please contact our Public Information Officer (PIO) Ms. Jessi Santos-Torres at (671) 475-6202 or via email at Jessi.Santos-Torres@cqa.guam.gov.

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